Shungnak

Shungnak is a second class city located on the west bank of the Kobuk River about 150 miles east of Kotzebue. Originally, the community was 10 miles further upstream at Kobuk. Shungnak is part of the Northwest Arctic Borough.

- The estimated population for 2008 was 272, a gain of about 16 since the 2000 Census.
- About 70 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 45 percent of the area's workers.
- More workers were employed as Construction Laborers than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Shungnak Resident Snapshot (2008)			
Working Age Residents		**Wages**	
Residents age 16+	167	Total wages	$2,350,145
Resident Worker Characteristics		**Resident Workers by Sector**	
Total	117	Private	63
Male	55	State government	1
Female	62	Local government	53
Age 45+	41	**Quarterly Number of Resident Workers**	
Age 50+	28	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	98
		Percent working all 4 quarters	43.6%
Unemployment		**Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)**	
UI Claimants	6	Some construction	25
		At least 1 year construction	10
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	5
New hires	69	Worked in an AGIA occupation	107

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2008 Residents
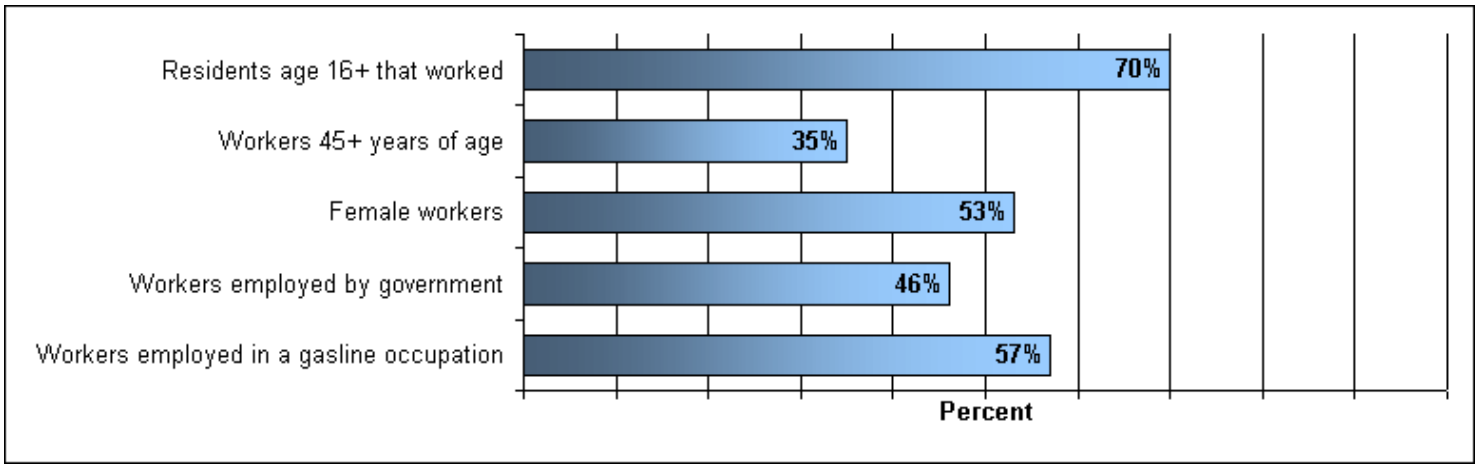
Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Construction Laborers **AGIA** **HOT JOB**	14	28.6%	2	1
Teacher Assistants	10	100.0%	5	3
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners **AGIA**	10	90.0%	3	3
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners **AGIA**	10	50.0%	2	2
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers **AGIA**	8	37.5%	3	2
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	5	40.0%	3	3

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Resident Workers by Industry
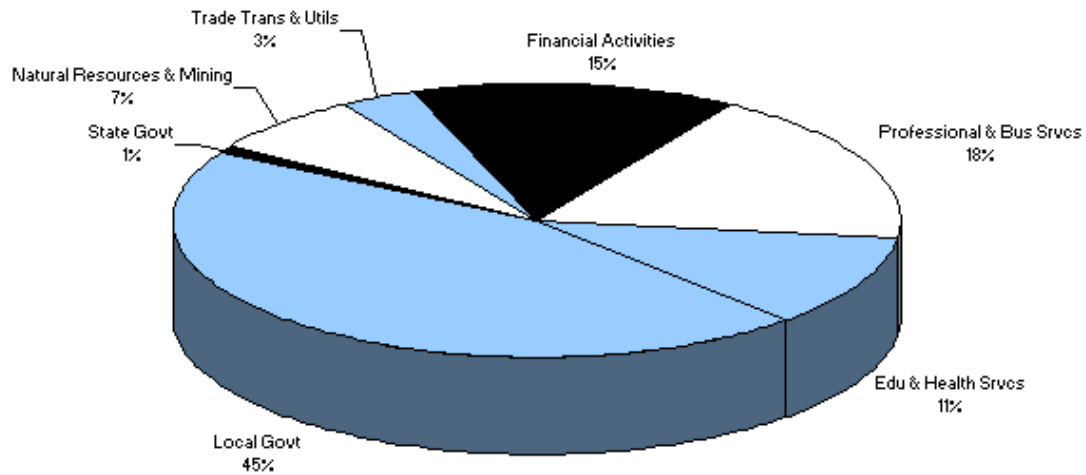
Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	8	25.0%	1	1
Construction	0	0.0%	0	0
Manufacturing	0	0.0%	0	0
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	*	*	*	*
Information	0	0.0%	0	0
Financial Activities	17	17.6%	6	3
Professional and Business Services	21	76.2%	6	3
Educational and Health Services	13	53.8%	3	3
Leisure and Hospitality	0	0.0%	0	0
State Government	*	*	*	*
Local Government	53	58.5%	23	16
Other	0	0.0%	0	0
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0

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| Recent Unemployment Statistics			
	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	9	10	13	9

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Northwest Arctic Borough School
NW Inupiat Housing Authority
Nana Management Services LLC
Maniilaq Association Inc
Shungnak Native Store
Shungnak City Council
Major Drilling America Inc
Native Village of Shungnak
Teck Cominco Alaska Inc
Nana Regional Corporation

Population over Time
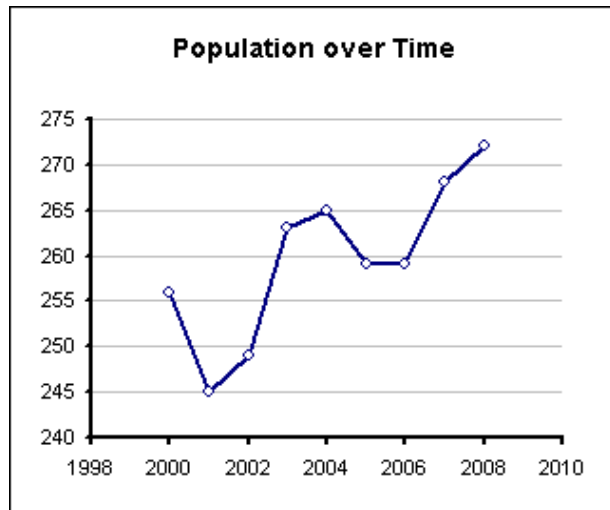
2000 Census	
Median Age	18.8
Average Family Size	4.5
Average Household Size	4.6
Per Capita Income	$10,377
Median Family Income	$41,000
Median Household Income	$44,375

Population by Race
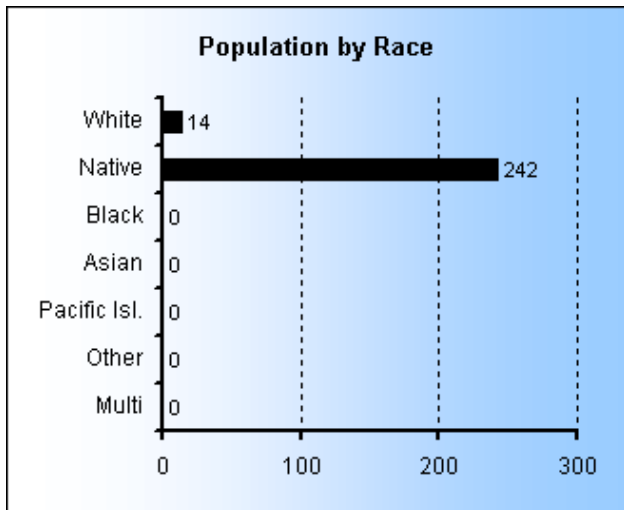
(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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